

Seventh, that's when I quit.

(Did you grandmother teach you how to can food, or did she do it all herself?)

She use to do it all by herself, but where I looked on I learned to do it.

(Did she use to store your food for winter?)

Yes, she cut up pumpkin, and dried them and then put them away.

(I bet you know a lot about other food and fruits.)

I use to dig up sweet potatoes and they'd give us some. I helped bale hay. The way I did was to drive mule to go around and around when they baled hay. We picked cotton too. I guess I didn't help much, but we got our dinner by helping what we could.

(Did you go to some kind of recreation when you was a young girl?)

I use to go to stomp dance.

(Did you all attend any kind of mettings, church or some kind of meetings? Around Indians?)

We use to go to church at Sasakwa and grandma use to cook for one of the camp. It was kinda like a job to her. She helped cooking. And she use to help the sick people like doctoring them with medicine, kinda like a nurse giving patient medicine. She didn't know how to make medicine and doctor, but she only used medicine on patient after the patient was doctored. (Indian medicine)

(She was like a nurse then?)

Uh-huh. (Laughter)

(How old was your grandma?)

You mean at the time she was working? About thirty or forty--she was past 80 years old when she died. When she was 50 years old, she use to chop corn and gather corn when we worked at it. Johnny and I use to do that, I guess he knows.

(What year did she pass away?)

1948, that's when she died.

(Did she use to talk to you about how the Indians use to live way back in the old days?)

Yes, she use to tell--

(Do you remember any of it?)

She use to tell how they use to look for horses. Weeds were tall and early in the morning, it was dew and their dresses use to get wet. And if there was grass fire, horses stood there facing other way and burn up.